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News

President Armstrong Addresses State Budget Cuts

President Jeffrey D. Armstrong says the anticipated cut of \$20 million in state funding to Cal Poly for the 2011-12 academic year will be harsh but manageable. "We've been carefully preparing for a cut that size. The really difficult challenge will be if Gov. Brown's proposed tax extensions do not go through," Armstrong said in prepared remarks for a recent speech to the San Luis Obispo Chamber of Commerce.

[Read more here about the state budget](#)



Nippon Foundation Gives Books to Kennedy Library

The Kennedy Library has received a generous donation of books from the Nippon Foundation through its program "100 Books for Understanding Contemporary Japan." The Nippon Foundation is a private, nonprofit organization that, with this program, aims to improve cross-cultural understanding by providing quality books to supplement the popular images of Japan that people may have gained via television and movies. A committee of diplomats, academics and businessmen, from both Japan and abroad, selected 100 books they felt best covered multiple aspects of Japan. Titles range from "Loving the Machine" to "Edo Culture: Daily Life and Diversions in Urban Japan, 1600-1868 and Contemporary Japanese Film." The addition of these books to the Kennedy collection will strengthen resources for the new Asian Studies Minor at Cal Poly. The books are available to all students, faculty, staff and the general public.

[Read more on the donation, including a list of the books](#)



Public Invited to Experience Cal Poly April 16 at Open House Campus Showcase

The public is invited to experience Cal Poly on Saturday, April 16, at the Campus Showcase, part of the university's 18th annual Open House. Open House gives admitted and current students, their supporters, alumni and the San Luis Obispo community the opportunity to visit and learn about the university April 14-16.

[Details on Open House](#)

Faculty and Staff

Survey Seeks Faculty Input on Student Engagement

Faculty members are asked to watch their e-mail beginning April 5 for an important online survey. The "Faculty Survey of Student Engagement" or FSSE will ask questions about student engagement at Cal Poly from the faculty perspective. The survey is administered every three years and accompanies a student version with similar questions that will be administered simultaneously. The survey takes approximately 15-20 minutes to complete. Faculty responses are anonymous and confidential. Faculty members are encouraged to speak their minds and provide valuable information to help improve the quality of students' educational experiences. For more information, contact Brent Goodman in Institutional Planning and Analysis at bgoodman@calpoly.edu or ext. 6-2204. For more information about FSSE, visit their [web site](#).

Open Enrollment in March for New CSU Voluntary Benefit Plans

The California State University is offering new group voluntary benefit plans specifically designed to protect your income and assets. These products include: MetLaw Group Legal Plan; Group Critical Illness Insurance; Accidental Death and Dismemberment (AD&D) Insurance; Voluntary Long-Term Disability (LTD) Insurance; and Auto and Homeowners Insurance.

A special open enrollment for these plans will be held March 1-31, 2011. Note that some plans will offer a one-time opportunity during this open enrollment period to enroll without evidence of insurability. Details, as they become available, will be posted on the [Human Resources web site](#).

For a Limited Time Only: Benefit Plans Available with No Health Questions Asked

The open enrollment period for new group employee-paid voluntary benefit plans will end March 31. Some plans normally require you to answer medical questions to determine your eligibility. During this special open enrollment period, however, you may enroll without answering those questions.

New products offered by the California State University include: MetLaw Group Legal Plan, Group Critical Illness Insurance, Accidental Death and Dismemberment (AD&D) Insurance, Voluntary Long-Term Disability (LTD) Insurance, and Auto and Homeowners Insurance. The Standard is also offering a final opportunity for employees not previously declined for coverage to enroll or increase their enrollment in The Standard Voluntary Life Insurance plan, without answering medical questions.

Your chance to enroll in these plans and take advantage of these one-time opportunities will end soon. Details are available on the [Human Resources web site](#). Review your options today.

Catastrophic Leave Drive for Rose Duran

A personal catastrophic leave drive has been authorized for Rose Duran, extended education specialist in Continuing Education. Those wishing to donate vacation and/or sick leave to help Rose remain in full-pay status during an extended leave of absence should contact Vanessa Scrimiger, 6-1435, or by e-mail at vscrimig@calpoly.edu to request a donation form.

\$15 and \$30 Stored Value RTA Bus Passes Now Available

For regional transit riders – \$15 and \$30 stored value RTA bus passes are now for sale at the State Cashier's office and the University Police reception center. These passes can be used on any RTA route as well as any SCAT route in South County. The \$40, 31-day RTA bus pass will continue to be offered for \$35. If you have questions about any of the RTA bus passes offered at Cal Poly, contact Commuter & Access Services at ext. 6-6680 or the RTA office at 541-2228.

Outstanding Faculty Advisor Award Nominations Due April 4

The Outstanding Faculty Advisor Award recognizes a faculty member who has had a positive influence on students through academic advising. The award recipient will receive a \$1,200 cash stipend and be recognized at Fall Conference. A picture and award citation for the award winner will be posted in Kennedy Library. One faculty member is recognized annually. Nomination should describe the nominee's academic advising services, activities and interactions as distinct from the nominee's teaching responsibilities and should include any special activities that relate to student development.

Faculty, staff and current students are eligible to nominate faculty for this award. At least one letter must come from a current student, and no self-nominations will be recognized. Nomination information and the electronic nomination form can be found on the [advising web site](#). The deadline for all submissions is April 4.

Campus Announcements

Create the Perfect Password with March 30 Security Forum

Do you find it difficult to create a password based on all the security requirements? After you create the perfect password, do have trouble remembering it? Find out how to create a secure password that's easy to remember, plus how to use a password vault to store all your passwords safely. The next Information Security Open Forum will be held Wednesday, March 30, from 11 a.m. to noon in UU 220.

Carson Starkey Memorial/Bike Rack Dedication is Today

The university community is invited to attend a memorial and bike rack dedication honoring Carson Starkey, the first-year student who died two years during a fraternity-associated event. The ceremony will be held today at 11 a.m. on the stage in the University Union Plaza.

Cal Poly Corporation and Cal Poly Foundation Mileage Rate Change

Effective April 1, the Cal Poly Corporation and Cal Poly Foundation will reimburse mileage at .50 per mile. This rate will be consistent with the state's current mileage rate – per notification from the CSU Chancellor's Office.

Distinguished Teacher and Cal Poly Alum to Speak on April 5

Cal Poly Engineering Alum Doug Gibson, this year's Noyce Distinguished New Teacher, will visit campus Tuesday, April 5, to present a talk titled, "STEM Education - Make it your Plan A." The interactive presentation and discussion will answer the question "Why consider STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) and teaching?" by examining the needs, opportunities and rewards. Students can also learn about Noyce scholarships available to Cal Poly students who are committed to a career in science and/or mathematics teaching.

The talk is open to all faculty, staff, students and the general public. It will run 4:30 to 6 p.m. in Fisher Science, Room 285. For more information or to view Gibson's biography, visit the [CESaME web site](#), or contact the CESaME office at ext 6-2859 for more details.

Poly Escapes Offers Outdoor Gear Rentals

Poly Escapes is the best place to find the highest quality outdoor gear at the lowest prices. Available equipment includes respected brands such as Sierra Designs, Kelty and Osprey. Poly Escapes has what you need for all types of adventures. Poly Escapes is located on the first floor of the University Union. Check out a full gear list, including pricing, at asi.calpoly.edu. Take advantage of the beautiful spring weather and organize a trip today.

Weekend Hours Extended at Kennedy Library

The main library will extend its weekend hours during spring quarter, staying open until 6 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays. Findings of a survey conducted last fall indicate that more than 60 percent of students that responded said keeping the main Library open later than 5 p.m. on weekends was "very important" or "important." Data collected during spring quarter will help library officials determine whether to continue the new hours during the 2011-12 academic year. For questions or suggestions, contact Associate Dean Anna Gold at agold01@calpoly.edu or ext, 6-2345.

Deadline for Women's & Gender Studies Scholarship Nominations is April 11

The Women's & Gender Studies Department is now accepting nominations for the following scholarships: the Susan Currier Memorial Scholarship; the James M. Duenow Scholarship; the Vicki and Darell Farrer Scholarship; the Steve Harmon Scholarship; the L. Diane Ryan Scholarship; the Nell E. Spradlin Scholarship for the Recognition of Individuality; and the Shirley H. Walker Scholarship. Visit the [Women's & Gender Studies web site](#) for scholarship criteria and nomination instructions, or contact Andrea Nash at anash@calpoly.edu. Deadline for nominations is Monday, April 11.

Employment Equity Facilitator Training Workshops Available

The Office of Employment Equity will offer EEF Training from 9:30 to 11 a.m. Tuesday, April 12, in Fisher Science, Room 290. Martha Cody, director of Employment Equity, will lead the training. Carolyn Johnson from Academic Personnel and Rhiannon Ricketts from Human Resources will be available to answer questions about faculty and staff recruitment. To enroll in the training, contact Sumi Seacat at ext. 6-7387 or sseacat@calpoly.edu.

What's New in Dining This Spring!

Check out the new food items, [nutrition keys](#) with in depth online info, and great deals at various restaurants on campus. Visit the [Campus Dining web site](#) for more information.

Bella Montana, a Faculty and Staff Housing Community

Visit the Bella Montana Homes [web site](#) for available homes for sale.

Events

Shakespeare's 'Midsummer Night's Dream' is March 31

"A Midsummer Night's Dream," Shakespeare's timeless comedy, comes to the Spanos Theatre on Thursday, March 31. Curtain time is 7:30 p.m. The classic play is filled with an endless supply of mirth, mistaken identities, and misguided passions and has delighted audiences for centuries. Presented by Aquila Theatre.

[Details on "Midsummer Night's Dream"](#)

Cal Poly Faculty Chamber Ensemble Recital Set for April 1

Several members of the Music Department faculty will perform on a program that features Francis Poulenc's "Sextet for Winds and Piano," Bouslav Martinů's "Sonatiune for Trumpet and Piano" and Johannes Brahms's "Trio for Clarinet, Cello and Piano."

For more information, visit [the Music Department calendar](#).



'The Barber of Seville' Set for April 1-3

Join us as we recapture the magic of Gioachino Rossini's classic, "The Barber of Seville." This unforgettable comedy, in two acts, was one of the earliest Italian operas to be performed in America and it is not to be missed! The opera will take place April 1 at 7:30 p.m. in the Christopher Cohan Center and again April 3 at 2 p.m.

[Details on "The Barber of Seville"](#)

April 2 Walk/Run at Cal Poly to Benefit Women's Shelter Program

Sigma Omega Nu, a Latina-interest sorority at Cal Poly, will host the second annual "Walk Away from Intimate Partner Violence" 5K walk/run on campus April 2. The public is invited. All proceeds from the event will benefit the Women's Shelter Program of San Luis Obispo County. The race begins at 9 a.m. on the O'Neill Green outside the Business Building on California Boulevard. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m.

[More on the benefit walk/run](#)

Mose Allison in Concert April 2

Singer, songwriter, and pianist Mose Allison has created the missing link between jazz and blues, layering the fusion with profound and often humorous lyrics and a unique Delta-born rustic style. Appearing with his trio, the Spanos evening will be filled with Allison songs that have been covered by such music legends as Van Morrison, The Who, Elvis Costello, and Bonnie Raitt. Showtime is 8 p.m. Saturday, April 2, in the Spanos Theatre.

[Details on Allison's performance](#)

Cal Poly Faculty Recital "Every Little Star" Will Take Place April 3

Katherine Arthur (soprano), Susan Azaret Davies (piano) and Meredith Brammeier (composer, soprano and piano) will perform a whimsical, folksy and eclectic afternoon of song, including works by Purcell, Mahler and Foster, plus one by Brammeier. Violinist Pamela Sheffler, a Cal Poly psychology major, will perform as a guest on one of the pieces.

For more information, visit [the Music Department calendar](#).

An Evening with David Crosby and Graham Nash April 4

Singer-songwriters David Crosby and Graham Nash team up for a spring tour in the U.S., stopping at the Performing Arts Center on April 4th at 7:30 pm. The tour will mix acoustic and plugged-in performances. Crosby and Nash have each been inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame.

[Details on the Crosby/Nash show](#)

Job Vacancies

State Employment Opportunities

The official listing of staff and management vacancies is posted at <http://calpolyjobs.org>. To apply, go online and complete the application form. For assistance, call Human Resources at ext. 6-2236.

#102287 – On-Call Custodian (Pool Position) - University Housing, Housing & Business Services, up to 50 positions available, temporary on-call through Sept. 30, 2011. \$13.20 - \$19.81 per hour. Open until filled. Review begins: March 29, 2011.

#102297 – Analyst/Programmer, Career, Information Technology Services, Information Management, temporary, one-year position, \$4,314 - \$8,831 per month, hiring range: \$4,314 - \$7,224 per month. Closes: April 17, 2011.

#102299 – CMS Programmer (Analyst/Programmer – Career), Information Technology Services – Common Management Systems Support, \$4,314 - \$8,831 per month, hiring range: \$4,314 - \$7,224 per month. Open Until Filled. Review begins April 18, 2011.

#102313 – CMS Support Coordinator (Analyst Programmer – Career), Information Technology Services, Common Management Systems Support, \$4,314 - \$8,831 per month, hiring range: \$4,314 - \$7,224 per month. Open until filled. Review begins: April 18, 2011.

#102323 – Operations Specialist, Foundation, Information Technology Services, Operations and Production Support, \$2,397 - \$3,596 per month, hiring range: \$2,397 - \$3,425 per month. Closes: April 17, 2011.

#102328 – Administrative Support Assistant II - College of Science and Mathematics, Mathematics, \$2,505 - \$3,758 per month. Open until filled. Review begins: April 7, 2011.

Executive Employment Opportunities

Candidates are asked to visit the online employment web site at <http://calpolyjobs.org> to view detailed information about the following vacancies and to complete the management application to apply for the positions shown below. Please submit all requested application materials as attachments to your online application. For assistance, call Academic Personnel at ext. 6-6570.

#102322 – President's Chief of Staff, Administrator III, salary commensurate with experience. Open until filled. Review begins: May 2, 2011.

Faculty Employment Opportunities

Candidates are asked to visit the online employment web site at <http://calpolyjobs.org> to complete an application and apply for any of the positions shown below. Submit all requested application materials as attachments to your online application, unless otherwise specified in the ad.

#10232 – Tenure Track Librarian, Business Librarian, Public Services, Library Services. Review begins: May 9.

#102267 – Part-Time Lecturer Pool, Construction Management, Construction Management Department, College of Architecture and Environmental Design. Review begins: April 20.

#102324 – Part-Time Lecturer Pool, Liberal Studies, Liberal Studies Department, College of Science and Mathematics. Review begins: April 18.

#102260 – Part-Time Lecturer Pool, Finance, Finance Area, Orfalea College of Business. Review begins: April 18.

Corporation Employment Opportunities

Cal Poly Corporation is a separate corporation operating in concert with the university to provide a diverse range of services and resources to students, faculty and staff. To view job postings and/or apply for any regular-benefited position at Cal Poly Corporation, visit our [web site](#). For assistance contact Human Resources at ext. 6-1121.

There are no new job opportunities at this time.

ASI Employment Opportunities

Candidates are asked to visit <http://www.asi.calpoly.edu> to complete an application and apply for positions listed below. For more information, contact the ASI Business Office in UU, Room 212 or call ext. 6-5800.

There are no new job opportunities at this time.

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